

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDGEWOOD**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 2, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.**  
**EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER - #27 E. FRONTAGE ROAD**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Stearley called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. All Councilors were present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Felton made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with the exception of Item 13V and 13X to be tabled. Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

**4. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR.**

Mayor Stearley updated on the Sign Ordinance and stated the Committee met on April 1, 2008 with progress made. The group will meet again on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**A. Sales Tax Discussion.**

Mayor Stearley updated on the sales tax reduction he proposed. In reviewing the detail of the taxes Santa Fe County receives  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the tax rate and the Town receives  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the tax rate. At this time the Town cannot make a reduction in the tax rate.

**B. Town's Local Shopping Policy.**

Mayor Stearley stated this item needs additional review.

**C. Yellow Page Mailer on Local Businesses.**

Mayor Stearley reviewed the Yellow Pages on which Ms. Kathy Smith is working on as she handles the Town's Business Licenses. She is working on a letter that will be sent to each business requesting one line identifying what the business does. The cost of setting up a mailer is \$75.00. The Yellow Pages will be produced in the Town office.

Mayor Stearley updated on starting up the Newsletter and requesting proposals which will be part of the Budget meetings.

**D. Cost of Police Dispatch/Letter to Santa Fe County.**

Mayor Stearley stated he will be meeting with the County. He has also spoken to Ms. Joy Ansley, Torrance County Manager on the possibility providing services. The Town's annexation policy was discussed on in-fill areas only and exterior boundaries were not discussed.

**5. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCILORS and/or ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

None.

**6. MATTERS FROM THE ATTORNEY.**

**E. Review of the COLTPAC Cooperative Agreement.**

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Mr. Rael stated he has reviewed the final copy of the agreement and there were only minor changes. This should be ready for approval on the next Council Agenda.

F. BLM Lease on Section 34.

Mr. Rael stated he is in agreement with the Lease and this is ready for signatures.

This is for 248 acres and the Town has been working on this for 2 ½ years.

**MOTION:** Councilor Felton made a motion to approve the BLM Lease on Section 34. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

**7. MATTERS FROM THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE.**

G. Judge White will present his report for the month of March, 2008.

Judge White reviewed his report with the Council.

Judge White stated the State has reimbursed the Town on computer equipment purchased. He also discussed a column submitted on probation and issues that he has concern.

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY.**

H. Captain Pete Kassestas, New Mexico State Police.

Captain Kassestas stated he has been at this district for 8 months. He addressed the transition and the State Police role with the Town of Edgewood. They are committed to this area with or without a Joint Powers Agreement. It is their intent to keep the same number of officers in this area, there are inter-district transfers going on. The main office being in Albuquerque, they will work more in the rural areas, east mountain area. The State Police will continue to work with Chief Welch and Captain Kassestas and keep the Town as a priority.

Mayor Stearley thanked the Captain for the work the State Police has done and for speaking to them on their intent and services.

I. P.E.R.A. Resolution No. 2008-25.

Chief Welch stated this is the Municipal Police Plan 3 which is a 20 year retirement of 7% from the employee and 18% from the Town. He stated in order to conduct interviews the benefit package which includes the PERA plan is needed.

**MOTION:** Councilor Felton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-25. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

J. Chief Welch will update on the following:

- Schedule for hiring officers and hiring panel.

Chief Welch has scheduled interviews for Wednesday and Thursday of the next week. His panel will consist of officers from Santa Fe County, State Police, and the City of Albuquerque.

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) copy to be provided by April 11, 2008.

Chief Welch discussed his Manual and what is needed for accreditation and several procedures need to be in place. These policies will be ready by the end of next week.

- Dispatch Status.

There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow to go over this. Other alternatives are being considered.

- Police Insurance Costs

The new vehicles will be next week and then will have the equipment installed.

He discussed the NM Mounted Patrol, there are insurance carrier issues in the TORT laws, this agency may not be able to be used in a full law enforcement capacity.

- Dispatch Status.

Chief Welch stated he has applied for a grant for bullet proof vests. The grant provides 50% reimbursements. He also stated his uniform will be here next week and will also have a vest. The new uniforms will be a navy blue color. Chief Welch discussed vandalism that is going on. He would like to ask Wal-Mart not to sell spray paint cans to under age customers. The Town does not have a Crime-Stoppers program and would like to see this started here within the next year.

## **9. ROADS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT.**

K. Dust Abatement Program.

Ms. Mahalick reviewed her report, for three miles is approximately \$12,000 and is asking Council to consider moving forward in the budget cycle preparation. Council was in agreement.

L. Schedule Road Maintenance Plan.

A plan was reviewed on a three week cycle rotation. A map was given on the Town's current maintained roads by the Town.

M. Paving Plan Options.

Information from the Environmental Protection Plan states that 200 – 400 vehicles on a road per day is a paving option. Impact fees will not bring in enough revenue for the roads. Other options can be looked into.

N. Sewer Schedule.

Ms. Mahalick stated NMED is evaluating the discharge permit. There have been no questions or concerns. The engineer is completing the lagoon plan. The Clean Water Loan will take six months to process and approval to look into the final step for the collection lines. There are other resources to consider for funding.

O. Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law for Campbell Ranch Appeal.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law as presented. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

**10. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT.**

P. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes of February 28, 2008.

The Minutes were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes. Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

Q. Basketball Court Grant Approval.

Mr. Holden stated there is \$20,000 in the 1999 Grant. He is requesting approval to construct a small basketball court, more parking and will need to remove some trees. Mr. Tappan Mahoney, Dennis Engineering was present to present the lay-out for the project. This money needs to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup> to prevent losing the grant.

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion to move forward with the plan as presented. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

R. Section 32 Access Plan.

Mr. Holden and Mr. Jim Edmiston reviewed the options with the Council. The road and utility access is being looked into. There are 11 ½ miles of trails. The Commercial Business Lease cost will be determined by the State and will be presented to the Council for approval.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Limit to 2 minutes per person).**

**If you plan to testify under Public Hearings, please do not sign-up for the same topic. Public Comments are for items not on the Agenda.**

Jo White updated on Melodrama with the theme of Happy Days. She thanked the Council for funding a directors pay.

Dick Pledger commented on rescinding Keaty Blvd. and Edgewood 7 be used. Highway 344 be left as is due to the businesses.

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Chuck Ring asked Council to consider the access to Section 32 closely. He discussed the naming of Keaty Blvd. and honoring him.

Sue West discussed naming Keaty Blvd. and stated the previous Council had already approved this. Everyone knew the work Mayor Keaty did to incorporated the Town. Councilor Felton commented on calls he received and how the decision was made in one meeting to re-name the highways without public comment and more discussion.

Ms. Janelle Turner thanked the Town road crew for the work they have done on the Town streets. She addressed how quickly the decision was made by the previous Council to rename the highways without consideration to issues such as emergency services. She suggested naming a park, library or another road after Mayor Keaty.

Frank Hetznecker stated there is a Town because of him and the hard work he did and he deserves to be honored.

Ralph Hill commented on Larry Keaty and the work he did and does not see how the Town could not honor him.

John Bassett commented on why the Town would consider naming Highway 344 after Larry Keaty as there were other families including the Bassett family who donated and gave to the community. Edgewood was here before 1999 and Mr. Keaty does not live in Edgewood today. Mr. Bassett displayed a map of families of a long history. he suggested if the Town wants to name streets after someone, talk to the residents in the area.

Carol Ring discussed the naming of Keaty Blvd. She suggested naming the Town Hall after Mayor Keaty, consider what he did for the Town.

Tim Fleming appreciated all the sentiments for Mayor Keaty and all the confusion in renaming the Highway. The community is growing and there will be an opportunity to do something in his honor.

Rey Fulweiler agreed in naming a building after Mayor Keaty.

Diane Stearley commented on her experience of naming a sub-division after someone and the state and county laws that prevent this. She appreciated the family history on the Bassett family and naming the highway after the Bassett family in honor of their contribution to Edgewood.

Ms. Karen Mahalick stated the Department of Transportation called and there is not sufficient standards of renaming the road.

**12. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

S. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2008.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented and to acknowledge receipt of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2008. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

T. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2008.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to table the Minutes of March 19, 2008. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

U. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2008.  
Acknowledge receipt by motion.

**13. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – TOWN OF EDGEWOOD/WILDLIFE WEST.**

V. Bluegrass Music Festival.

This item was tabled.

W. Annual Wind Festival and Green Energy Fair.

**MOTION:** Councilor Felton made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Wind Festival and Green Energy Fair. Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

Council requested actual invoices for the event.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

X. Route 66, Run, Rally Rock Event.

This item was tabled.

**14. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.**

Y. Approval of expenses for Higher Education Exploration Fair.

The Clerk discussed the invoice with Council as this was not budgeted but was committed by previous staff.

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$966.05. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill

voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

Z. Discussion of Advertising Design for the Chamber of Commerce Street Map.  
Upon discussion the Staff will design the advertisement to include the Town logo and the text .

**15. RESOLUTIONS.**

AA. Budget Resolution No. 2008-21 Wastewater Treatment Collection Line  
Easements & Agreements with the Bassett Trust.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-21.  
Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill  
voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

BB. Resolution No. 2008-22 NMED Grant Agreement SAP 07-6067 GF

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-22.  
Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor  
Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

CC. Resolution No. 2008-23 Annexation Fees.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-23.  
Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

Mr. Rael stated his concern on the annexation fee and anyone wishing to apply be  
allowed the fee waived also.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted nay. Councilor Hill voted nay. Councilor  
Felton voted nay. Councilor Abrams voted nay. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to table this item. Councilor Felton  
seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill  
voted. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

The Council would like to see a new resolution drafted.

DD. Resolution No. 2008-24 Open Meetings Act.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-24,  
Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill  
voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

EE. Resolution No. 2008-26 Budget Resolution Reverting funds Municipal  
Streets.

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**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-26.  
Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

FF. Resolution No. 2008-27 Wastewater Treatment Plant Signatory Authorities.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-27.  
Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

GG. Resolution No. 2007-20 Rescind Naming of Highway 344 and Edgewood 7.

**MOTION:** Councilor Felton made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 2007-20.  
Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

The Council discussed reviewing this request with more public input and perhaps in a different manner at another location.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted nay. Councilor Simmons voted nay. Mayor Stearley voted aye.  
The motion carried.

**16. PROCLAMATION.**

HH. The American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc.  
Mayor Stearley reviewed the proclamation with the Council.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALENDAR REVIEW & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

II. Regular Council Meeting – April 16, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

JJ. Budget Preparation Workshop – April 23, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

- Council Priorities , Revenues, Roads & Projects.

KK. Budget Preparation Workshop – April 30, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

- Police, Parks & Recreation

LL. Budget Preparation Workshop – May 14, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

- Animal Control, I.C.I.P., Other Departments.

MM. Budget Preparation Workshop – May 20, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

- Finish

The Council discussed the Budget Meeting dates and scheduled the following:

April 23, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.

May 10, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

May 14, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M.



**18. CONFERENCE-SEMINAR ATTENDANCE APPROVAL.**

NN. USTI, User Forum – Dallas, Texas

The Staff reported Ms. Dora Garcia, Accounting Assistant would like to attend the conference as it is a hands-on concerning the Town's accounting software system. There will also be training at the Town office for the Staff with a representative from USTI. The cost is approximately \$1000 - \$1500 for the trip to Dallas and approximately \$3000 for the representative from USTI to come to the Town office.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to approve Ms. Garcia to attend the conference and the training at the Town office. Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

**19. CLOSED SESSION.**

**As per motion and roll call, pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(2), the following matter will be discussed in Closed Session.**

1. Limited Personnel Matters.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1(H)(2) to discuss limited personnel matters. Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to reconvene the Meeting. Councilor Abrams seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilor Hill made a motion to state for the record that only the item listed was discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Felton seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. The motion carried.

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion directing Mayor Stearley to authorize severance of three weeks to Mr. Jeff Condrey. Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Simmons voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Abrams voted aye. The motion carried.

**20. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS and SUB-COMMITTEES.**

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Mayor Stearley reviewed with Council the following:

- Mid-Region Council of Governments:
- Board of Directors – Mayor Stearley, Councilor Hill – Alternate Carol Bowman
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Karen Mahalick – Alternate Mayor Stearley.
- Water Resources Board – Mayor Stearley

Estancia Valley Economical Development Association (EVEDA)

Councilor Felton                      Alternate – Mayor Stearley

Estancia Valley Resource Association (EBRA)

Mayor Stearley                      Alternate – Councilor Simmons

Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee

Councilor Simmons (at large position)

East Mountain Regional Animal Care Shelter

Mayor Stearley

Victoria Murphy, Animal Control Officer

**21. ADJOURN.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Simmons made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Councilor Hill seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilor Abrams voted aye. Councilor Felton voted aye. Councilor Hill voted aye. Councilor Simmons voted aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Stearley adjourned the Meeting at 10:00 P.M.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2008.**

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Honorable Robert Stearley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Estefanie B. Muller, Acting Administrator Clerk-Treasurer